

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;  
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;  
Mark Acton; and  
Robert G. Taub

Complaint of the Associated  
Mail and Parcel Centers, et. al.

Docket No. C2012-1

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO ANSWER

(Issued April 12, 2012)

On April 9, 2012, the Associated Mail and Parcel Centers (AMPC) filed a motion requesting an extension of time to respond to the Postal Service's motion to dismiss complaint.<sup>1</sup> In support of its Request, AMPC asserts that it needs additional time to communicate with multiple complainants to prepare an answer to the Motion to Dismiss. Request at 1. AMPC asks that the April 11, 2012 deadline to respond be extended an additional 15 days to April 26, 2012. *Id.*

On April 11, 2012, the Postal Service filed a response to AMPC's Request.<sup>2</sup> In its Response, the Postal Service indicates that while it supports the granting of a

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<sup>1</sup> Request for Extension to Answer, April 9, 2012 (Request); see also Motion of the United States Postal Service to Dismiss Complaint, April 4, 2012 (Motion to Dismiss).

<sup>2</sup> Response of the United States Postal Service in Partial Opposition to AMPC's Request for Extension to Answer, April 11, 2012 (Response).

“reasonable extension,” it opposes an extension of 15 days on the grounds that AMPC has failed to demonstrate “why the time normally provided for the filing of answers should essentially be tripled.” *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service indicates that it does not oppose the Commission granting an extension of 8 days, until April 20, 2012. *Id.*

Under the Commission’s rules, an answer to the Postal Service’s Motion to Dismiss, filed on April 4, 2012, is due 7 days later, on April 11, 2012.

39 CFR 3001.21(b). Unless the time for filing is limited by statute, the Commission may, upon good cause shown, grant an extension of time for filing an answer.

39 CFR 3001.16.

The Complaint was filed on behalf of 13 different complainants, some of which are associations. AMPC requests an extension of 15 days to respond to the Motion to Dismiss so that it may communicate with some or all of the 12 additional complainants to prepare a coordinated response to the Motion to Dismiss. The Postal Service does not contend that it will be prejudiced by the granting of the Request. Under the circumstances, the Commission finds that AMPC has shown good cause for the proposed extension. The Request for Extension to Answer is granted.

As the Postal Service notes, however, AMPC’s request for an extension triples the time normally provided for filing answers to motions. While the Commission grants this extension, it would remind AMPC of the need going forward to more expeditiously coordinate the views of its multiple parties to ensure timely compliance with the required deadlines.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Request for Extension to Answer, filed April 9, 2012, is granted.
2. The deadline for filing an answer to the Postal Service's Motion to Dismiss is extended to April 26, 2012.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary